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Amendments

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. 1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of using a data processing system for processing travelers crossing international borders, comprising:
  3. a) prior to the time of travel, employing the data processing system to enroll a traveler to utilize an automated check-in process after an authorized enrollment representative verifies that the traveler is eligible to make an international border crossing; and
  7. b) at the time of travel, utilizing the automated check-in process to complete ~~activities necessary to enable an~~ the international border crossing without aid of human intervention.
1. 2. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 1, wherein step a) includes:
  2. obtaining an image of a travel document; and
  3. comparing the image to an image on file with an enrollment official.
1. 3. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 2, wherein
  2. the step of obtaining the image includes scanning the travel document to obtain a digital image; and
  4. the step of comparing the image includes comparing the digital image to a digital image on file with the enrollment official.

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1    4.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 3, wherein the travel document is selected from  
2    the group consisting of passports and Official Travel Documents (OTDs).

1    5.    **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 2, wherein step a) includes  
2    collecting unique identification indicia from the traveler for use in performing  
3    identification verification on a day of travel.

1    6.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 5, wherein the identification indicia includes  
2    biometric data.

1    7.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 6, wherein the biometric data is selected from a  
2    group consisting of handwriting samples, iris scans, hand or finger geometry, facial  
3    scans, facial geometry measurements, hand scans, fingerprint samples, physical  
4    measurements, and voice samples.

1    8.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 5, wherein the biometric data includes at least  
2    two different types of biometric samples.

1    9.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 5, and further including storing the identification  
2    indicia for use during the automated check-in process.

1    10.    **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 9, wherein step b) includes  
2        retrieving the stored identification indicia;

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3        collecting unique identification indicia from the traveler; and  
4        automatically comparing the unique identification indicia to the stored  
5        identification indicia to verify identity of the traveler.

1        11.    **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 10, wherein the retrieving of the  
2        stored identification indicia includes:

3        scanning a travel document; and  
4        using information on the travel document to retrieve the stored identification  
5        indicia.

1        12.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, and further including automatically verifying  
2        that the traveler's itinerary qualifies the user to use the automated check-in process.

1        13.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, and further including automatically prompting  
2        the traveler to electronically complete at least one questionnaire required for the  
3        international border crossing.

1        14.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 13, and further including checking the at least  
2        one completed questionnaire to determine whether the traveler is eligible to utilize an  
3        automated clearance process after the international border has been crossed.

1        15.    **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, and further including automatically printing  
2        documents to allow the traveler to embark on the international border crossing.

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1 16. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the automated check-in process is  
2 performed on a self-service kiosk.

1 17. **(Previously amended)** The method of Claim 1, and including performing one or  
2 more automated checks to determine whether the traveler poses any risk to a country of  
3 destination.

1 18. **(Original)** The method of Claim 17, wherein the checks are selected from the  
2 group consisting of a criminal check, a terrorist check, an agricultural check, and an  
3 immigration check.

1 19. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 17, and further including, at the  
2 country of destination, utilizing an automated clearance process to allow the traveler to  
3 enter the country.

1 20. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 19, wherein the automated  
2 clearance process includes:  
3 verifying the identity of the traveler;  
4 obtaining results of the one or more automated checks;  
5 if any of the one or more automated checks failed, requiring the traveler to  
6 undergo a manual clearance process; and

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7 if all of the automated checks passed, allowing the user to enter the country of  
8 destination without undergoing the manual clearance process.

1 21. (Original) The method of Claim 20, and further including enabling an automated  
2 exit gate to allow a user to enter the country of destination.

1 22. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the step of storing the  
2 identification indicia includes creating a secure token storing the identification indicia.

1 23. (Currently Amended) A system for performing automated processing of a  
2 traveler crossing an international border, comprising:  
3 a data processing system to allow an authorized enrollment representative, prior  
4 to a day of travel, to verify that the traveler is eligible to cross the international border,  
5 and to thereafter enroll a the traveler to use an automated check-in procedure; and  
6 a first user interaction system coupled to the data processing system to provide  
7 the automated check-in procedure that automatically initiates activities necessary to  
8 allow the traveler to cross the international border without human intervention on the  
9 day of travel.

1 24. (Original) The system of Claim 23, and further including a second user  
2 interaction system coupled to the data processing system to provide an automated  
3 clearance procedure that automatically initiates activities necessary to allow the traveler

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4 to enter a country of destination after the international border has been crossed.

1 25. (Original) The system of Claim 24, wherein at least one of the first and the  
2 second user interaction systems are self-service kiosks.

1 26. (Original) The system of Claim 24, wherein at least one of the first and the  
2 second user interaction systems includes at least one biometric reader to read biometric  
3 samples from the traveler.

1 27. (Original) The system of Claim 24, wherein at least one of the first and the  
2 second user interaction systems includes a scanner to scan travel documents.

1 28. (Original) The system of Claim 24, wherein the first user interaction system  
2 obtains data from the traveler that is required to allow entry into the country of  
3 destination.

1 29. (Original) The system of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the data processing  
2 system and the first user interaction system includes means for checking the data to  
3 determine whether the traveler is allowed to utilize the second user interaction system  
4 to complete the automated clearance procedure.

1 30. (Original) The system of Claim 29, wherein at least one of the data processing  
2 system and the first and second user interaction systems includes means to initiate

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3 automated checks to determine whether the traveler poses any threat to the country of  
4 destination.

1 31. **(Currently Amended)** A system for managing the crossing of an international  
2 border by a traveler, comprising:

3 enrollment means for enrolling the traveler in an automated travel process after  
4 an enrollment representative manually verifies the traveler is eligible to enter one or  
5 more countries; and

6 automated user interface means for allowing the user to participate in the  
7 automated travel process that completes all activities required for entry into a country  
8 any of the one or more countries without the need for human intervention at the time of  
9 travel.

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2 32. **(Original)** The system of Claim 31, wherein the automated user interface  
3 means includes:

4 first means for automatically performing check-in activities before crossing  
5 the border; and

6 second means for automatically performing clearance activities after  
7 crossing the border.